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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 977

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 977 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Jury Act is amended by changing Section 2
5 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 305/2) (from Ch. 78, par. 2)

7 Sec. 2. At the September meeting of the county board in
8 each year in the respective counties in this State, except
9 those that have jury commissioners, the board shall select from
10 the list the number of persons as the judges of the circuit
11 courts, to be held in the county during the succeeding year,
12 may by joint action determine to serve as petit jurors. In
13 counties having jury commissioners, the persons to serve as
14 petit jurors shall be selected by the jury commissioners, as
15 provided by law. County boards, a jury administrator, and jury
16 commissioners may utilize the services of the Administrative

1 Office of the Illinois Courts in making these selections.
2 Jurors in all counties in Illinois must have the legal
3 qualifications herein prescribed. Jurors must be:

4 (1) Inhabitants of the county.

5 (2) Of the age of 18 years or upwards.

6 (3) Free from all legal exception, of fair character, of
7 approved integrity, of sound judgment, well informed, and able
8 to understand the English language, whether in spoken or
9 written form, ~~or~~ interpreted into sign language, or, if English
10 is not the juror's predominant language, interpreted or
11 translated into the juror's predominant language.

12 (4) Citizens of the United States of America.

13 (Source: P.A. 90-482, eff. 1-1-98.)

14 Section 10. The Jury Secrecy Act is amended by changing
15 Section 1 as follows:

16 (705 ILCS 315/1) (from Ch. 78, par. 36)

17 Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), whoever
18 knowingly and wilfully, by any device or means whatsoever
19 records or attempts to record, the proceedings of a petit jury
20 in any court of the State of Illinois while the jury is
21 deliberating or voting, or listens to or observes, or attempts
22 to listen to or observe, the proceedings of any petit jury of
23 which he is not a member in any court of the State of Illinois
24 while the jury is deliberating or voting, shall be guilty of a

1 Class A misdemeanor. However, if any juror is deaf or hard of
2 hearing or any juror's predominant language is not English, the
3 juror may be accompanied by and may communicate with a court
4 appointed interpreter throughout any period during which the
5 jury is sequestered or engaged in its deliberations. If the
6 jury foreman reasonably believes that the interpreter is doing
7 more than interpreting, nothing in this Act shall prevent him
8 or her from petitioning the court and requesting that the
9 interpreter be replaced with another interpreter.

10 (b) A petit juror in any court of the State of Illinois
11 shall be entitled to take notes in connection with and solely
12 for the purpose of assisting him in the performance of his
13 duties as juror, and the sheriff of the county in which such
14 juror is serving shall provide writing materials for that
15 purpose. Such notes shall remain confidential, and shall be
16 destroyed by the sheriff after the verdict has been returned or
17 a mistrial declared.

18 (Source: P.A. 88-27.)".